

DAVID R. B. HARLAN.

MAY 23, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. GIBSON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9224.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9224) granting an increase of pension to David R. B. Harlan, have considered the same and all the evidence and respectfully report:

This bill as amended proposes to increase from \$12 to \$20 per month the pension of David R. B. Harlan, of Nettleton, Caldwell County, Mo., late captain Company M, Ninth Missouri State Militia Volunteer Cavalry, who served from August 28, 1863, to April 14, 1865, and was honorably discharged on tender of resignation.

There is no record of any disability in the service, and he has filed no claim under the general law.

He filed and established a claim under the act of June 27, 1890, and was pensioned thereunder at \$6 from November 15, 1892, and \$12 from October 23, 1894, on account of contraction of ring and little fingers of both hands and disease of nervous system. He was last medically examined November 16, 1895, at Chillicothe, Mo., and he was then found to be totally disabled for manual labor by disease of nervous system. He is now totally disabled, but the Pension Bureau can do nothing for him.

The following letter shows claimant's present physical and financial condition:

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18, 1898.

DEAR SIR: The beneficiary of H. R. 9224, David R. B. Harlan, is physically helpless and financially dependent. I know him, and trust the bill may be favorably considered.

Very respectfully,

A. M. DOCKERY.

Hon. GEO. W. RAY,
Chairman Committee on Invalid Pensions.

While these disabilities are not of service origin, it is proper to increase this soldier's pension to \$20 per month on account of his good service and his present necessitous circumstances.

The bill is reported back, with the recommendation that it pass when amended as follows:

Line 7, strike out "five."

From lines 7 and 8 strike out the words "from and after the passage of this act."

Strike out all after the word "receiving," in line 9.

